[*English*]

Allotment of Levy Sugar to Sikkim

1154. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of levy sugar being allotted to sikkim per month;

(b) whether this allotment is based on 1981 census figures;

(c) whether the Sikkim Government has requested for enhancement of quota of levy sugar with justification for its demand;

(d) whether the Government propose to take some action on the request; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b). At present, monthly levy sugar allotment of Sikkim is 165 MT based on ensuring 42 gms. *per capita* monthly availability for the projected population as on 1.10.86. In addition, an adhoc increase of 5% in the monthly levy allocation has been allowed from August, 1991 to March, 1992 and accordingly an additional quantity of 8 tonnes is being allotted to Sikkim each month.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). In view of the present limited availability of levy sugar, it is not possible to further enhance the levy allocation of any State.

Ban on sale and distribution of common Salt

1115. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to persuade some of the States to issue notifications banning the sale and distribution of common salt, in a bid to achieve the target of the universal iodisation of salt;

(b) if so, the name of these states and their reaction thereto; and

(c) the progress made so far towards the banning of the use of common salt particularly in the hilly and tribal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). The Union Government have been persuading All States and Union Territories for quite some time to issue notification banning the sale of salt other than iodised salt for edible purposes. The following States and Union Territories have already issued the ban notification in their entire States/Union Territories:

STATES

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Haryana
5. Himachal Pradesh
6. Jammu & Kashmir
7. Madhya Pradesh
8. Manipur
9. Meghalaya
10. Mizoram

11. Nagaland

12. Punjab

13. Sikkim

14. Tripura

15. Uttar Pradesh

UNION TERRITORIES

1. Chandigarh

2. Delhi

3. Dadar & Nagar Haveilli

4. Daman & Diu

Recently letters have been addressed to the Chief Ministers of the remaining States by the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare for issuing the ban notification in their respective States immediately.

Similar letters have also been addressed to the Administrators of the remaining UTs at the level of Secretary (Health).

Quota of Ration Rice to Kerala

1156. SHRI P.C. THOMAS: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of Rice given to the State of Kerala during the last one year including month-wise details thereof;

(b) whether the price of Rice has been increased and if so, by how much;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has requested for exempting the State from increase of price of rationed rice and if so, the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(d) whether any assistance is likely to be given to the State to overcome the rise in price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The State of Kerala has been allotted a quantity of 17.75 lakh tonnes of rice for the public distribution system during the last one year (March, 1991 to February, 1992). The month-wide details are as under:

(In '000 Tonnes)

March, 1991	142.5	September, 1991	150.00
April, 1991	142.5	October, 1991	150.0
May, 1991	142.5	November, 1991	150.0
June, 1991	142.5	December, 1991	150.0
July, 1991	142.5	January, 1992	150.0
August, 1991	162.5*	February, 1992	150.0

* Includes allocation of 20,000 MT for Onam.

(b) and (c). The Central issue prices of all varieties of rice supplied from the Central Pool for the Public Distribution System have been increased by Rs. 88/- per quintal w.e.f.